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SUBJ: TURKISH PRESS ON U.S. BASE CLOSINGS: DEMIREL NEWS CONFERENCE

1. SUNDAY (JUNE 15) EDITIONS OF MOST TURKISH DAILIES REPORT THAT ACTION TO EITHER SUSPEND OPERATIONS OR CLOSE DOWN SOME U.S. "BASES" IN TURKEY WILL BE TAKEN BY THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT THIS WEEK. THE DECISION TO TAKE LONG-THREATENED "MEASURES" IN THE FACE OF THE U.S. ARMS EMBARGO WAS REACHED AFTER PRIME MINISTER DEMIREL MET SEPARATELY FRIDAY (JUNE 13) WITH PRESIDENT FAHRI FORUTURK AND THE TURKISH GENERAL STAFF, ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS. THESE UNCLASSIFIED

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REPORTS SAY THAT THE PRIMIN WILL MEET MONDAY (JUNE 16)

WITH THE NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL AND THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS
TO DETERMINE SPECIFICALLY WHAT ACTION WILL BE TAKEN.

2. IN AN EXTRAORDINARY, WIDE-RANGING NEWS CONFERENCE SUNDAY,
PRIMIN DEMIREL CONFIRMED TO NEWSMEN THAT TURKISH ADHERENCE
TO BI-LATERAL TREATIES WITH THE U.S. WILL BE DISCUSSED
BY THE CABINET MONDAY. BUT HE DECLINED TO ANSWER QUESTIONS ABOUT
WHAT
ACTION TO CLOSE AMERICAN INSTALLATIONS, IF ANY, WOULD BE TAKEN.
RESPONDING TO A QUESTION, HE POINTED OUT THAT THERE ARE NO
AMERICAN "BASES" IN TURKEY, BUT JOINT DEFENSE INSTALLATION AND HE
REFERRED QUESTIONERS TO THE TEXT OF THE 28-PAGE STATEMENT HE READ AT
THE BEGINNING OF THE NEWS CONFERENCE. (THE PORTION OF THIS
STATEMENT DEALING WITH FOREIGN POLICY IS GIVEN BELOW.)

3. PRESS STORIES, WHICH UNIFORMLY GAVE UNNAMED "AUTHORITIES" OR
"OFFICIAL CIRCLES" AS THEIR SOURCE, WERE ALSO VAGUE ABOUT WHAT
"BASES" WERE TO BE CLOSED OR SUSPENDED.
LEFT-LIBER CUMHURIYET DECLARED IN ITS HEADLINE
THE U.S. BASES ALONG THE BLACK SEA WOULD BE CLOSED.
CUMHURIYET SAID THESE BASES WERE IMPORTANT TO THE U.S. EARLY
WARNING SYSTEM, BUT WERE OF NO IMPORTANCE TO TURKEY DIRECTLY.
THE SMALL, CONSERVATIVE ANKARA DAILY ZAFER REPORTED THAT FIVE
"BASES" WOULD BE CLOSED, BUT DID NOT SPECIFY WHICH ONES.

4. HURRIYET, TURKEY'S LARGEST DAILY, REPORTED THAT IN ITS
"PACKAGE OF MEASURES" TO BE TAKEN IN THE FACE OF THE EMBARGO,
THE NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL PROPOSED THAT "ACTIVITIES AT BASES
USED ONLY BY AMERICA WOULD GRADUALLY BE STOPPED, (WHILE)
NATO BASE ACTIVITIES WOULD BE CONTINUED."

5. RELATIVELY LITTLE OF PRIMIN DEMIREL'S NEWS CONFERENCE
SUNDAY DEALT WITH FOREIGN POLICY MATTERS. MOST OF HIS PREPARED TEXT
AND QUESTIONS BY REPORTERS DEALT WITH THE DOMESTIC RECORD AND
POLICIES OF HIS TWO-MONTH OLD COALITION GOVERNMENT.

6. THE TENOR OF HIS REMARKS ON U.S. TURKISH RELATIONS WAS CONVEYED
BY HIS STATEMENTS: "WITH THE EMBARGO, THE UNITED STATES
HAS ACTED AGAINST BOTH THE BI-LATERAL TREATIES AND
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THE NATO ALLIANCE.....THE BI-LATERAL TREATIES, UNILATERALLY
BROKEN BY THE UNITED STATES, CANNOT BE EXPECTED TO BE
CONTINUED TO BE ADHERED BY US."

7. IN ADDITION TO U.S.-TURKISH RELATIONS, THE FOREIGN POLICY
PORTION OF MR. DEMIREL'S PREPARED STATEMENT ALSO TOUCHED ON
CYPRUS, WHERE HE FORESAW NO EARLY SOLUTION; TURCO-GREEK RELATIONS,
WHERE HE PREDICTED IMPROVEMENT, AND TURKISH RELATIONS WITH FELLOW

MUSLIM STATES, WITH WHICH HE NOTED ECONOMIC RELATIONS WERE
EXPANDING. FOLLOWING IS THE FULL TEXT AS DECLIVERED
OF THE PRIMIN'S REMARKS
ON CYPRUS, GRECO-TURKISH AND U.S.-TURKISH RELATIONS:

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(BEGIN TEXT) OUR COUNTRY IS FACE TO FACE
WITH HIGHLY GRAVE FOREIGN PROBLEMS.

THE REPUBLIC OF CYRPUS FOUNDED AS A RESULT OF THE
LONDON AND ZURICH AGREEMENTS REACHED AFTER LONG YEARS OF
DISCUSSIONS DURING THE YEARS 1950-1060 HAS BEEN PUSHED
ASIDE BY MAKARIOS, AND THE TURKISH COMMUNITY HAS
BEEN SUBJECTED TO UNJUST CRUEL AND INSCRUPULOUS TREATMENT.

CONTINUOUS VIOLATION OF THE CYPRUS CONSTITUTION
HAS RESULTED IN THE OUSTING OF MAKARIOS FROM OFFICE
AND HAS LED TO SUCH CRUCIAL DEVELOPMENTS AS BRINGING
THE TURKISH COMMUNITY FACE TO FACE WITH A GENOCIDE AND
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ALMOST ANNEXING THE ISLAND TO GREECE. THE REPUBLIC OF
TURKEY, USING HER RIGHTS GIVEN TO HER BY THE AGREEMENTS,
HAD TO INTERVENE IN ORDER TO AVOID A GENOCIDE AND AN
ANNEXATION. A POLITICAL SOLUTION HAS NOT YET BEEN
REACHED IN CYPRUS. ALTHOUGH THE TURKS AND THE GREEKS
ON THE ISLAND TRIED TO LIVE TOGETHER SIDE BY SIDE, THIS
EFFORT FAILED DUE TO REASONS THAT CAN NEVER BE ATTRIBUTED
TO THE TURKISH PEOPLE THERE. NOW BOTH THE TURKS AND THE
GREEKS ARE LIVING IN SEPARATE SECTORS ON THE ISLAND, AND
THE FEDERATED TURKISH STATE HAS FORMALLY BEEN ESTABLISHED.
WE DID NOT SEEK TO SOLVE THE CYPRUS POLITICAL SITU-
ATION EITHER BY CREATING TWO SEPARATE INDEPENDENT STATES OR
BY PARTIONING IT. THE ONLY SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEM IS
TO CREATE A BIZONAL FEDERATION ON A GEOGRAPHICAL BASIS.

THIS PROBLEM HAS BEEN CLEARLY POINTED
OUT IN OUR GOVERNMENT PROGRAMME.

AS A FEDERAL STATE COMPOSED OF TWO STATES WILL
BE THE ONLY POLITICAL SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEM, THE POWERS
OF THE FEDERAL STATES AND THE CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH THEY
WILL HAVE TO LIVE IN THEIR OWN REGIONS WILL BE DECIDED
AFTER THE SETTling OF THE POWERS AND THE DUTIES OF THE
CENTRAL GOVT AT THE END OF INTERCOMMUNAL DISCUSSIONS.

IT HAS BEEN DECIDED THAT TURKEY AND GREECE WILL
BE HELPFUL IN THE NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO
COMMUNITIES. THE CYPRUS PROBLEM HAS BEEN A PROBLEM OF
CONFLICT FOR MORE THAN 25 YEARS. NO GOVERNMENT IN
TURKEY CAN SOLVE THIS PROBLEM IN SUCH A WAY THAT WILL
NOT BE ACCEPTABLE TO THE TURKISH NATION. THEREFORE,
ANY EXPLOITATION OF THE MATTER AND BASELESS CLAIMS SERVE TO
NO OTHER PURPOSE THAN CONFUSING THE MINDS OF THE PEOPLE.

NO CONFLICT IS ETERNAL. SO, THE CYPRUS PROBLEM WILL
ALSO ONE DAY COME TO A POLITICAL SOLUTION. IT IS NATURAL
THAT THIS SOLUTION WILL BE OF A NATURE ACCEPTABLE
TO OUR PEOPLE. IN OTHER WORDS, A SOLUTION NOT ACCEPT-
ABLE TO OUR PEOPLE CANNOT BE WORKED OUT BY ANY GOVT IN TURKEY.

OTHER PROBLEMS THAT NEGATIVELY AFFECT THE TURKISH AND GREEK
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RELATIONS ARE THE AGEAN SEA PROBLEMS. THE CONTINENTAL SHELF, TERRITORIAL WATERS, THE FORTIFICATION OF THE ISLAND BY THE GREEKS AND THE CIVILIAN AND MILITARY FLIGHTS ARE THE MAIN TOPICS OF THIS PROBLEM. NONE OF THESE PROBLEMS HAVE BEEN CREATED BY US.

IN NO WAY DOES TURKEY CONSENT TO THE VIOLATION OF TREATIES OR THE USURPTION OF RIGHTS. A SOLUTION TO TURKISH-GREEK RELATIONS THROUGH DISCUSSIONS WAS ALSO GIVEN PLACE IN OUR GOVT PROGRAMME. THE MEETINGS ON FOREIGN MINISTERS' AND PRIME MINISTERS' LEVEL HAVE STARTED THE DIALOGUE FOR THIS AIM. WE EXPECT GOOD RESULTS THROUGH THE CONTINUATION OF THIS DIALOGUE.

WE HOPE THAT ALL THE PROBLEMS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES WILL BE SOLVED THROUGH RECONCILIATION. IN A FEW DAYS THERE WILL BE A MEETING IN ANKARA TO LIFT THE BANS AND TO FORMULATE CIVILIAN AND MILITARY FLIGHTS.

EXPERTS OF THE TWO COUNTRIES WILL PARTICIPATE IN THIS MEETING.

I EXPECT THAT FLIGHTS WILL START AGAIN AS A RESULT OF THESE ENDEAVORS.

TURKISH-AMERICAN RELATIONS HAVE ENTERED AN EXTREMELY DELICATE PHASE WITH THE DECISION OF THE U.S. CONGRESS ON 5 FEBRUARY, 1975 TO IMPOSE AN EMBARGO ON TURKEY. DURING THE LAST 30 YEARS TURKEY AND THE UNITED STATES HAVE ESTABLISHED AND CONTINUED GOOD RELATIONS AND HAVE BEEN CLOSE FRIENDS.

THERE HAS NOT BEEN ANY CONFLICT BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES. SINCE THERE WASN'T ANY CONFLICT BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES, THE DECISION OF THE AMERICAN CONGRESS TO IMPOSE AN EMBARGO HAS WOUNDED US DEEPLY.

TURKISH-AMERICAN RELATIONS WERE HEALTHY ONES DEPENDING ON THE MUTUAL INTERESTS OF BOTH COUNTRIES. THESE RELATIONS WERE FRAMED BY BI-LATERAL TREATIES AND THE NATO ALLIANCE.

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WITH THE EMBARGO, THE UNITED STATES HAS ACTED AGAINST BOTH THE BI-LATERAL TREATIES AND THE NATO ALLIANCE.

IT HAS UNILATERALLY BROKEN THE BI-LATERAL TREATIES.
THE GOVT OF THE UNITED STATES HAS DEFENDED AND HAS CONTINUED
AND IS CONTINUING TO DEFEND THE SITUATION AGAINST THE
CONGRESS. HOWEVER, THE TREATMENT APPLIED TO TURKEY IS
STILL IN FORCE.

WHILE THE UNITED STATES GIVES OR SELLS ARMAMENT TO 90
COUNTRIES THROUGHOUT THE WORLD, ITS ATTITUDE OF NOT TO EVEN
TO SELL ARMAMENT TO TURKEY -- A SACRIFICING AND
LOYAL FRIEND FOR 30 YEARS -- IS NOT, IN FACT, A
FRIENDLY ONE.

THE BILATERAL TREATIES, UNILATERALLY BROKEN BY THE
UNITED STATES, CANNOT BE EXPECTED TO CONTINUE TO BE ADHERED
TO BY US. THE TURKISH GOVT HAS DISCUSSED THE SUBJECT OVER
AND OVER AGAIN.

THE SAME SUBJECT WILL BE DISCUSSED ONCE MORE TOMORROW, 16 JUNE,
1975, AT THE MEETING OF THE CABINET.

IT FALLS UPON NATO TO HEAL THE WOUND CAUSED BY
THE AMERICAN ARMS EMBARGO.

IN ORDER TO BE ABLE TO CARRY ON WITH ITS
RESPONSIBILITIES SHOULDERED AS A NATO MEMBER, TURKEY HAS
ASKED FOR A SOLUTION TO THE SITUATION TO BE FOUND BY NATO.

WE SHALL SEE THE RESULT IN THE FORTHCOMING DAYS.

WE DID OUR BEST TO AVOID DEEPLY WOUNDING THE
TURKISH-AMERICAN RELATIONS; WE, ON OUR SIDE,
ACTED WITH DECORUM AND PATIENCE.

TURKEY IS NOT IN NEED OF THOSE WHO DO NOT NEED HER.
THE REPUBLIC OF TURKEY SHALL CONTINUE, GUIDED BY
LIBERTY AND DEMOCRACY, WITH ITS DEVELOPMENT EFFORTS AND
SHALL PROVIDE THE SECURITY OF ITS DEFENSE TOGETHER
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WITH FRIENDS WHO ARE DETERMINED NOT TO ABANDON HER.
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